

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A disposable undergarment contoured by transversely opposite side edge portions extending in a longitudinal direction and longitudinally opposite end portions extending in a transverse direction so as to be composed, in the longitudinal direction, of a front waist region, a rear waist region and a crotch region extending between these waist regions, said undergarment having a pair of elastically stretchable first wings extending outward from transversely opposite side edge portions of said front waist region and/or said rear waist region, said first wings having first proximal side edge portions lying on said transversely opposite side edge portions of said waist region and first free side edge portions spaced outward from said first proximal side edge portions in said transverse direction, said first free side edge portions being provided with means to connect said front and rear waist regions to each other wherein said first proximal side edge portions are contiguous to the transversely opposite side edge portions of said crotch region and a stretch stress generated in said first wings as said front and rear waist regions are connected to each other is exerted upon the undergarment in a waist-surrounding direction as well as in a thigh-surrounding

direction, wherein:

a pair of elastically stretchable second wings prepared separately of said undergarment extend outward from the transversely opposite side edge portions of said waist region

5 in the transverse direction so as to be placed upon said first wings, said second wings having second proximal side edge portions lying on said transversely opposite side edge portions of said waist region and second free side edge portions spaced outward from said first proximal side edge portions in said

10 transverse direction and fixed to said first free side edge portions, wherein said second proximal side edge portions are not contiguous to the transversely opposite side edge portions of said crotch region and a stretch stress generated in said second wings as said front and rear waist regions are connected

15 to each other is exerted upon the undergarment in a waist-surrounding direction.

2. The undergarment according to Claim 1, wherein a transverse dimension of said first wing as measured from its

20 first proximal side edge portion to its first free side edge portion and a transverse dimension of said second wing as measured from its second proximal side edge portion to its second free side edge portion are in a relationship of the first

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wing \neq the second wing or the first wing > the second wing and
wherein values of said stretch stress generated in said first
and second wings as these first and second wings are stretched
outward in said transverse direction are in a relationship of

5 the first wing < the second wing.